





**DAILY REPUBLICAN.**  
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SATURDAY EVE. APRIL 12, 1880.  
This failure of Governor Cleveland to say anything about the Democrats who defeated the New York ballot reform bill, and thereby laid bare the hypocrisy of their plea for purity of elections, is no doubt due to his belief that would not do the subject justice.

The recent municipal elections in West Virginia show very decided Republican gains. At Parkersburg an attempt was made to elect the colored vote, but the result showed a larger Republican majority than ever before. The recent defeat of the Governorship by the Democrats does not seem to have been a very profitable investment.

John B. Crotty, of Portland, Me., is reported to have made a million dollars in the manufacture of chewing gum. He has an immense army of pretty girls working for him, and enjoys a great degree of popularity among the fairer sex. In fact his gum is in the mouth of nearly every young and handsome girl in the country.

The discovery was made by the Maryland authorities yesterday that the "shortage" of State Treasurer Archer exceeded by \$75,172 the previous estimate of his amount. It was deemed advisable to arrest the treasurer and a detective was sent from Baltimore to his home in Belair. He refused to comply with the capture. The detectives state that Archer was "much distressed" when the warrant was read to him. This is very sad, but it is his fault that he is in this predicament.

Crozier's bill of running a City. At one go to the complaint of John Crozier's administration, the New York authorities, and the unopposed exercise of the most powerful influence of Mike McDonald over the municipal government. The complaint of the New York authorities, because of the efforts put forth by that paper in favor of Crozier's election. It has been made clear to that paper, what has so often become clear to other "reformers," that the Democratic party is a broken reed to lean upon for those who desire reform in administration. The New York authorities, who are the best Chicago ever had, and a return to its normal condition would be a great benefit to the people of that city.

The recent organization of the city council by Crozier is another subject, which seems to justify the criticism that is made upon it. The recent election there were in total numbers, about 12,000 votes, and \$20,000 by American voters, 10,000 by the Irish and 10,000 by the Germans. It is out of this that Crozier has got the 10,000 members of the council. It is out of this that Crozier has got the 10,000 members of the council. It is out of this that Crozier has got the 10,000 members of the council.

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There is a prospect of a strike of the streetcar men in Chicago and Rock Island. The trouble grows out of the appointment in the service of men who are not in the service of the streetcar men.

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**THE THREE AMERICAS**  
Common Sense to Replace the Arbitration of Arms.  
AN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LAW  
For the Settlement of All Differences, Disputes or Controversies Between the Nations of the Western Hemisphere—Etc., Etc.

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**DESPERATE CHANCES**  
Taken by Two Sing Sing Prisoners.  
A Keeper Assaulted and Cruelly Beaten—Escape of the Prisoners and Their Recapture Several Miles From the Prison.

SING SING, N. Y., April 12.—At three o'clock yesterday afternoon Deputy Warden Connaughton, of the State prison, saw Leander See, one of the guards, crawling down the stairs in the prison covered with blood, his clothing torn and his hand tightly bound with rope. He had been assaulted by some of the convicts and an escape made from the prison.

See had taken James Kelly and Michael Feeney, two convicts, to clean the old female prison prior to locking the prisoners up for the night. As they entered the building, Kelly saw August Clint, the only convict in the building cleaning lamps. Kelly grabbed Clint and threw him into a cell and locked the door. Feeney grappled with the guard and a desperate struggle ensued. Before See could draw his revolver or make any other move, he was knocked down by a blow on the head with a hammer given by Kelly. His keys and revolver were taken from him and he was beaten into insensibility and bound hand and foot. Kelly and Feeney then went to Keeper Piers' room and donned two suits of Piers' clothing, and going down stairs unlocked a side door and made for the woods towards New York City.

On recovering consciousness, Keeper See managed to loosen the rope and crawled down the stairs. He then called out the reserve guard and armed with carbines they began the search for the escaped men. About dusk they came up with the men several miles from the prison in the woods. They were ordered to throw up their hands, which they did, and were quickly handcuffed and taken back to the prison.

The guard will receive the standing reward offered by the State of \$30 for the recapture of each escaped prisoner. Keeper See, although badly injured, will recover. He was taken to the prison hospital. Feeney is serving a ten-year sentence. Kelly served twenty years in Clinton prison and while there attempted to kill Keeper Gray. He is about forty-five years of age, and has served more than half his life in prison.

**THE COMMERCIAL WORLD.**  
The Week's Business and the Outlook as Reported by R. G. Dun & Co.  
New York, April 12.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: With larger tonnage in motion than in any previous year at the same season; a larger volume of currency in active circulation; larger receipts of foreign exchange; nearly 10 per cent. larger import and exports, and larger domestic production in agriculture, in iron and steel, leather, and other lines, the business of the country on the second quarter of the year with great hopefulness. Trade throughout the country seems gradually improving. Yet there are unfavorable aspects which do not disappear, but grow more distinct and threatening. Several failures with unpleasant features have disturbed confidence. The trade in the United States is not so good as it was in the first quarter of the year. The business of the country is not so good as it was in the first quarter of the year.

**A Bootless Inquiry.**  
WASHINGTON, April 12.—A subcommittee of the Senate committee on public buildings and grounds resumed its examination of witnesses yesterday in connection with the charge that Mr. Windmill, the supervising architect of the treasury, was improperly influenced in the selection of a site for the public building at Springfield, Mo.

George D. Wallace was called and denied the testimony given by J. A. C. Dooley that he had told Mr. Dooley that he had overheard a conversation between the architect and Mr. Windmill. Wallace denied the testimony given by J. A. C. Dooley that he had told Mr. Dooley that he had overheard a conversation between the architect and Mr. Windmill.

Mr. Windmill denied having indulged in a game of poker on the private car of Mr. Kerens going to Springfield. No influence had been brought to bear on him in the selection of the site. The committee adjourned until next Friday.

**Caucus Committee on Silver Bill.**  
WASHINGTON, April 12.—Representative Dingley, of Maine, chairman, pro tempore of the Republican caucus of the House, has appointed, in pursuance of the resolution passed by the caucus Thursday night, a committee consisting of Messrs. Conger, of Iowa; Wickham, of Ohio; Walker, of Massachusetts; Carter, of Montana; Constock, of Minnesota; Bartine, of Nevada; Knap, of New York; McKinley, of Ohio; Cannon, of Illinois; Bayne, of Pennsylvania; McKenna, of California; Perkins, of Kansas; Henderson, of Iowa; and Comas, of Maryland. This committee is to consult with a Senate caucus committee in reference to adopting some silver bill that will meet with the approval of all factions in the majority party, and to report to the adjourned caucus on Monday night.

**Mr. Randall Very Low.**  
WASHINGTON, April 12.—At eleven o'clock yesterday Representative Randall was very low, and his physicians hardly expect him to live through the night.

**CAPITAL CRIME.**  
The Senate World's Fair committee agreed yesterday morning to report the World's Fair bill favorably with some amendments.

**Unconstitutionality of the Australian Election Law.**  
NEW YORK, April 12.—A special to the Evening Post from Newcastle, Ind., says: In the Circuit Court here Thursday Judge Bundy virtually held Section 13 of the new Australian law to be unconstitutional. Simon T. Powell entered suit some time ago to enjoin the law, and the county auditor of a bill for books and blanks required in this section of the law, which was allowed by the Board of County Commissioners. The complaint was held good on demurrer, which practically settles the case in the lower court. The case will be appealed as soon as finally settled here, it having been brought to test the law. This is the first action on the law by any court in Indiana.

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